

Before the **Federal Communications Commission** Washington, D.C. 20554

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Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary

In the Matter of) EB Docket No. 02-149
Publix Network Corporation; Customer) File No. EB-01-TC-052
Attendants, LLC; Revenue Controls) NAL/Acct. No. 200232170003
Corporation; SignTel, Inc.; and Focus Group,) FRN: 0004-3412-51
LLC)
Order to Show Cause and)
Notice of Opportunity for Hearing)

The Honorable Richard L. Sippel To: Chief Administrative Law Judge

MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDING

- On July 18, 2002, the Presiding Judge issued a stay in this matter ("Stay Order") 1. pending resolution of the criminal proceeding currently before the United States District Court for the State of Connecticut, Criminal No. 3:02CR55 (EBB), against defendants Dr. Raanan Liebermann and Publix Network Corporation ("Publix"). Dr. Liebermann and Publix are principals in this administrative proceeding currently before the Presiding Judge. The stay is set to expire on May 1, 2003. The Fourth Status Report, that was filed pursuant to the Stay Order by the Enforcement Bureau ("Bureau") on April 1, 2003, included that the criminal case had been continued until June 2003.
- 2. In recent communications with the Assistant United States Attorney Shawn Chen ("AUSA Chen"), he stated that although there was a change in defense counsel, the criminal case is still scheduled to go forward in June of this year. Defense counsel is now Lewis Chimes, Esq., of the law firm Garrison, Levin-Epstein, Chimes & Richardson. AUSA Chen also requested that

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this matter be continued to be stayed for the same reasons as set forth in the July 15, 2002 letter from the United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut ("U.S. Attorney's Letter") that was attached as Exhibit A to the Bureau's Motion to Stay Proceeding filed with the Presiding Judge on July 16, 2002 ("First Motion to Stay").

- 3. The Bureau, as in its First Motion to Stay, agrees with the reasoning set forth by the U.S. Attorney's Letter. Substantial governmental resources could be saved by suspending the procedural dates in this proceeding because the evidence gathered in the criminal proceeding will be made available to all of the administrative litigants. Further, based on the similarity of the issues in both proceedings, the resolution of legal and factual issues in the criminal proceeding may be dispositive of issues in this proceeding.
- 4. The US Attorney's Office contends that the equities weigh in favor of permitting the criminal prosecution to proceed unencumbered. The Bureau agrees with this assessment. If this motion to stay is granted, the Bureau will regularly update the Presiding Judge as to the status of the criminal proceeding as it has done to date.
- 5. We have been in contact with counsel for Dr. Liebermann and Publix, and, as in the First Motion to Stay, they have stated that they will not oppose this motion. Counsel also indicated that they would file a separate motion not opposing the stay if the Presiding Judge desires same.
- 6. Therefore the Bureau, pursuant to sections 1.41, 1.43, 1.44(e), 1.45(e), and 1.298 of the Commission's rules, hereby requests that the Presiding Judge suspend the procedural dates set forth in the orders released by the Presiding Judge in this proceeding on June 24, June 28, and July 19, 2002, suspend the date for submission of the Bureau's Request for Admission of Facts and Genuineness of Documents, and suspend any future procedural dates until such time when the Department of Justice advises the Bureau that the prosecution of this proceeding

will no longer impair the prosecution of the criminal proceeding currently before the United States District Court for the State of Connecticut, Criminal No. 3:02CR55 (EBB).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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